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Chief of Police

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **VEHICLE BREAK INS – ARRESTS MADE**

November 5, 2010

On November 5, 2010 at approximately 3:30 a.m. a resident of Hidden Lakes, a subdivision off of Simmonsville Road, contacted the Bluffton Police Department regarding a car alarm he heard. He looked outside and observed two individuals walking away from a vehicle parked at the community pool located at 1 Hidden Lakes Circle.

Officers arrived at the community pool moments later and found a black 1991 Honda Accord with two young males inside. During the initial investigation it was determined that the two males had broken into four (4) vehicles in Hidden Lakes.

The two suspects were arrested and during the search of the suspect's vehicle numerous stolen items were recovered. The items recovered included ipods, radar detectors, car keys, a bag of coins, and GPS devices. As the investigation continued, it was discovered that some of the items recovered were from four (4) vehicle break-ins that were reported in Pinecrest subdivision on November 4, 2010. All vehicles from Pinecrest and Hidden Lakes were unlocked and there was no forced entry into any of the vehicles.

The two arrested individuals were identified as Conrell Jermaine Hamilton and Rodney Marty Ferrell II. Both have been charged with Breaking Into a Motor Vehicle (Felony) and Petit Larceny (Misdemeanor). A total of 28 warrants were obtained. They have been transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center to await a bond hearing.

The majority of recovered items have been returned to their rightful owners. Anyone who has been a victim of a theft from their vehicle in the Town of Bluffton over the last two days and has not reported the incident is encouraged to contact the Bluffton Police at 843-524-2777. To avoid becoming a victim of this time of crime, we recommend that you lock your vehicles and remove all valuables from plain view.

#### **ARRESTED**

Rodney Marty Ferrell II  
832 Cohen Road  
Pineland, SC 29934  
DOB: 03-07-1992

Conrell Jermaine Hamilton  
593 Cedar Crest Drive  
Tillman, SC 29943  
DOB: 05-15-1992

#### **CHARGES**

Breaking Into a Motor Vehicle x 5 Counts  
Petit Larceny x 5 Counts

Breaking Into a Motor Vehicle x 9 Counts  
Petit Larceny x 9 Counts

No photographs available of suspects at this time.

